HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 360 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sonya Cathey, on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at E.A. Cox Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sonya Cathey is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cathey has recently been selected as Building Level Teacher of the Year by E.A. Cox Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and is currently enrolled in the Graduate Studies department at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cathey has served with acumen and alacrity as a middle school reading and science teacher for five exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave her most important work in the classroom, Ms. Cathey is active in a number of professional associations, including the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Maury County Education Association, the National Science Teachers Association, and Kappa Delta Pi; and

WHEREAS, she also serves as a most excellent example to her students, working extensively to study the environment and to educate the Maury County community about possible dangers to it; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cathey truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Sonya Cathey truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sonya Cathey on being chosen as Building Level Teacher of the Year at E.A. Cox Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.